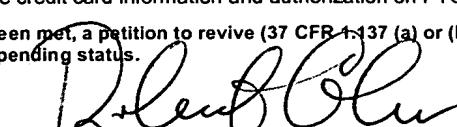


<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER SONYJP 3.3-315
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/009304	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 23 July 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/522444</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Kensuke Ohnuma, Hitoshi Kimura, Shinichi Wakai, Keiichi Yoshioka, Shingo Utsuki, and Hidetoshi Ichioka		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li></ol></li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) with PCT Request.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li></ol></li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li></ol></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li></ol>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 (w/PTO-1449, 8 references).</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of Face Page of International Application as Filed; Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report (Japanese); Copy of PCT Written Opinion (Japanese); Thirteen (13) sheets of Formal Drawings; Return postcard</li></ol>		

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21. The following fees are submitted:				Applicant Use	Office Use Only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee ..... \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee ..... \$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee ..... \$500.00 <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b> <b>\$1000.00</b>				\$ 300.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)		RATE	
64 - 100 =	/50 =			x \$250.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	13 - 20 =		x	\$ 0.00	
Independent claims	8 - 3 =	5	x 200.00	\$ 1,000.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)				+	\$
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	2,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.				\$	
				<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>	\$ 2,000.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).				+	\$
				<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>	\$ 2,000.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	\$
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$	2,000.00
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
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a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>12-1095</u> in the amount of \$ <u>2,000.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>12-1095</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.437 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
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